

~~TOP SECRET~~

25X1



**PHOTOGRAPHIC
INTERPRETATION
REPORT**

**NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC
INTERPRETATION CENTER**

**AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION IN
GUINEA, WEST AFRICA**



~~TOP SECRET~~

25X1

25X1

25X1

MAY 1974
COPY NO. 122
6 PAGES
PIR-028/74

Page Denied

TOP SECRET RUFF

AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION IN GUINEA, WEST AFRICA

1. This report provides information on construction activity noted at three airfields in Guinea.

The construction activity was observed at Kankan, Conakry, and Labe airfields. (Figure 1).

2. *Conakry Airfield* and *AW Radar Facility* - A new military support area has been constructed near the northern end of the 10,800-foot northeast-southwest runway (Figure 2). The support area includes a control tower attached to an operations/maintenance building, nine single-bay aircraft shelters, one administration building, two vehicle storage sheds, three storage buildings, and ten miscellaneous support buildings. Three link taxiways connect the support area to the runway. One FRESCO, one FAGOT, one CUB, four COLT, and one HIP-C were observed. Two Soviet BEAR D reconnaissance aircraft, two CUB, and one CLEAT with Soviet markings were seen at this airfield.

3. A new air warning radar site is 1 nautical mile (nm) northwest of Conakry Airfield and contains one BAR LOCK, one SPOON REST, and one SIDE NET radar.

4. *Labe Airfield* and *AW Radar Facility* - This airfield is 1.5 nm northwest of the village of Labe and approximately 135 nm northeast of Conakry (Figure 3). Construction reportedly began in December 1972 to expand this airfield.* Prior to construction, Labe had a 6,500-foot graded-earth runway.** The airfield now has northeast-southwest serviceable blacktop runway with a turn-around at each end. There is a parking apron at both the civilian and military area. The civilian support area is near the southwest end of the runway and consists of a terminal/operations building and four support buildings. The fence-secured military support area is on the south side of the center of the runway and comprises eight single-bay aircraft shelters (one group of six and one group of two near the northeast end of the runway), one operations building, and one control tower. Two FRESCO were observed. An administration/barracks area is adjacent to the military support area.

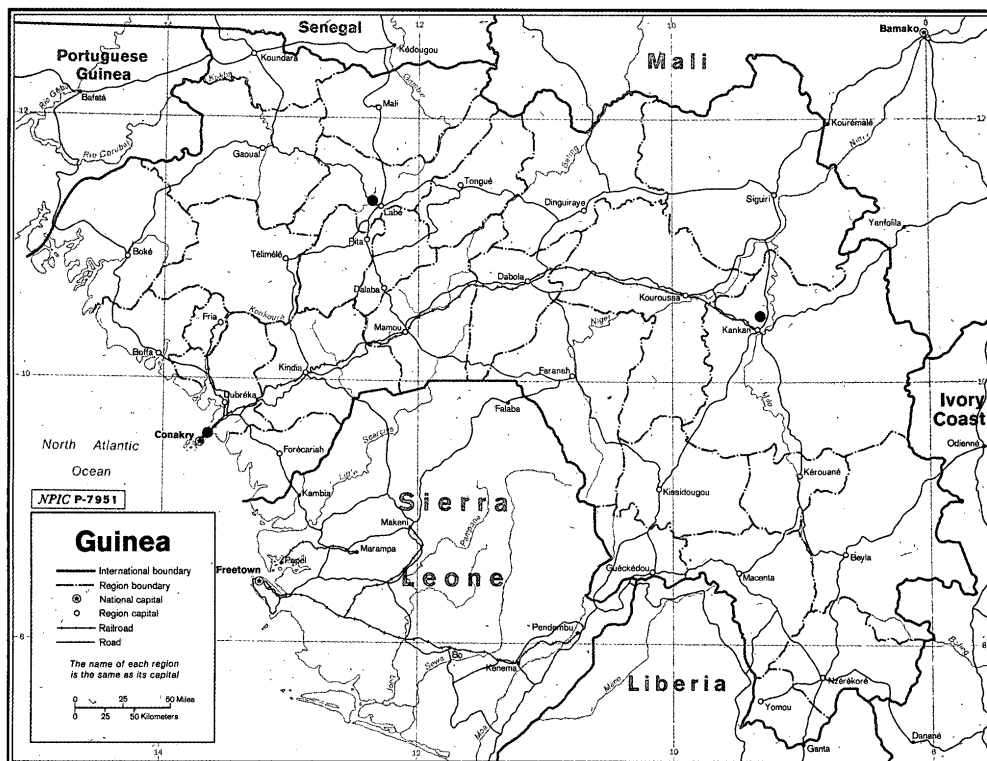


FIGURE 1. AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION IN GUINEA, WEST AFRICA

TOP SECRET RUFF

TOP SECRET RUFF

5. A new air warning radar site is 0.5 nm south of the southwest end of the runway and comprises one BAR LOCK on a mound, one SPOON REST, one SIDE NET, one probable KNIFE REST, and one SMALL CROSS (Figure 4).

6. *Kankan Airfield New* [REDACTED] This new airfield which is 5 nm northeast of the town of Kankan is in the midstage of construction and consists of an 11,500- by 155-foot northeast-southwest graded-earth runway that is being surfaced (Figure 5). There appear to be separate civilian and military support areas that are similar in configuration to the support facilities at Labe Airfield. The civilian support area at the southwest end of the airfield has a blacktop parking apron with two link taxiways and the foundation for a building. The military support area consists of a parking apron and two link taxiways that are being surfaced, one operations building, one control tower, and foundations for probable aircraft shelters. An administration/barracks area and construction support area are adjacent to the military support area. No aircraft were observed.

7. This airfield construction activity is reportedly being done by a team of Cuban engineers and construction workers.*

* CIA. CS-311/06082-72, *Cuban Construction Work at Air Facilities in Guinea*, Dec 72 (SECRET [REDACTED])

**DIA. *Airfields Seaplane Stations of the World (ASSOTW)*, Vol. 19, Aug 71 (SECRET [REDACTED])

*CIA. CS-311/06082-72, *Cuban Construction Work at Air Facilities in Guinea*, Dec 72 (SECRET [REDACTED])

REQUIREMENT

Project 143412NF

TOP SECRET RUFF

Page Denied

Next 3 Page(s) In Document Denied

TOP SECRET



25X1

TOP SECRET



25X1